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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Proposed "Government Employees Training Act"  
H.R. 6001

REFERENCE : [REDACTED] Memo to DTR, OGC, and D/Pers, dtd 25X1A9a  
28 Mar 57, requesting comment on above subject

1. This is the most sweeping version I have seen of a Government-wide employee training bill. As [REDACTED] suggests, it may get somewhere in the present Congress, and if it passes in its present form we are in trouble.

2. Specifically, it would appear to have the following effect  
on us:

a. The Agency's present training authority would be taken away by repeal of Section 4 of the CIA Act of 1949. [See p. 25 of Draft Bill, Section 20(b)(2)]

b. The Agency would thus be brought under the provisions of this bill which, while granting broad training authority, contains restrictions which we would find difficult to accept, e.g.:

(1) The Civil Service Commission would have responsibility and authority for promotion and coordination of training programs and operations [p. 3, Section 2(4)]

(2) Reports on training requirements, programs, plans and methods could be required by the Commission at its discretion, and such information could be disseminated by the Commission to other Agencies (p. 7, Section 5; p. 21, Section 16; p. 21, Section 18).

(3) The Commission would establish training regulations governing the activities of departments and agencies (p. 7, Section 6ff) and would review at its discretion operations conducted thereunder (p. 20, Section 15).

(4) Limitations would be set on external training of employees (p. 17ff, Sections 12, 13) and employees would be required to sign agreements to serve for stated periods following training or permit costs involved (p. 15, Sec 11).

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(5) The President would be authorized to except an agency from any provision(s) of this Bill, other than Section 4, Exclusions; Section 20, the Repealer Section; and Section 21, concerning Existing Rights and Obligations. The prohibition on exception to Section 20 means that we could get no relief from any portion of the bill except through Presidential action, and would still have to depend on this bill for training authority.

25X1A9a 3. I may have overlooked some things in this first review of the Bill and have asked [REDACTED] to check it, both this Bill and previous comments submitted on similar Bills.

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cc: C/PPS

P. S.1. An obvious possibility of saving ourselves would be to ask for listing in Section 4, Exclusions.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] has reviewed, and adds the following:

a. The 1% limitation would knock out the plan for 100 slots in language training.

b. The requirement that no more than one year in ten be spent in external training is too drastic.

c. Training in foreign countries should be more explicitly authorized.

/s/ R.B.F.